

Aleida attends Sacred Heart School in New Plymouth and says 'Yeah, it's good.' She recently spent the day playing in a rugby tournament and is looking forward to playing netball and basketball this year. Things were a bit different at first but she's got use to everything now. She has lots of different classes, about 8 or more, and loves boarding because she gets to be with her friends all the time.

### College Open Day

Senior students and parents participated in the recent Otorohanga College Open Day where they sampled secondary school subjects like science, art, PE, maths and design visual communication. The Year 8 College Experience day is scheduled for Friday 11 November.

### Kindling or Chippy Wood

The school has large banana boxes of kindling for sale at \$10 per box. Make sure you get your order in before winter sets in. Please phone school if you want to purchase some.

## Community News

**North King Country Junior Football** is offering a FREE school holiday programme on soccer skills development and game understanding sessions. Available for ages 10 years and up at Centennial Park, Te Kuiti. If it's too wet then Waitomo Sports Stadium on King Street which you'll need indoor sports shoes for. Come along Tues 26, Wed 27 and Thur 28 April from 9.45am to 12.30pm. Please let organisers know so they can expect you – Plendy 07 8737693.

**Waitomo District Activities - FREE Programmes** during April holidays.

GOLF - Have-a-Go Friday 22 April from 10am, Waitomo Golf Club, Ages 8 and above, gear provided. SQUASH - Have-a-Go Thurs 28 April from 1pm, Te Kuiti Squash Club, Ages 8 and above, gear provided. Come and try this great indoor family sport.

**Harvest Holiday Programme** First week 10-1pm, \$5 a day (includes morning tea). The programme is for Yr 1- 8. Mon 18 Popsicle Stick Craft & Toys Tue 19 Face Painting & Paper Art, Wed 20 Games at the Oto Domain, Thurs 21 Balloons, Balloons and more Balloons, Fri 22 movie with popcorn & movie treats! Harvest Centre, 5 Tuhoro Street, Otorohanga, Ph 021 182 1203

## Board of Trustees News

Elections - Liz Manning is the returning officer for this year's elections, please start thinking about if you would like to be on the BOT, or who you would like to nominate. New Building - the building consent is about to be lodged to the WDC.

## What's Coming Up At Waitomo Caves School

16 April	Teachers Only Day
30 April	Waitomo Trail Run
2 May	Term 2 begins

Mrs Tamae Dimond, Principal ☺



# Newsletter

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Term One 2016

Week Eleven – 15 April

Dear Parents, Caregiver, Whanau and Friends of the School

Tena Koutou Katoo

Apologies for the small print, we've got lots to say this week. Currently there are 64 students enrolled at Waitomo Caves School. This is consistent with student numbers twelve months ago.

Term 2 welcomes specialist music teacher Mrs Kathleen Marich to the teaching staff at our school. Kathleen is appointed on a fixed term contract for Term 2 in the junior class and will cover music with a school wide focus. We appreciate Miss Rachal Stewart's contribution during Term 1 and we wish her well at her new school in Te Awamutu.

The Board has granted Mrs Dimond leave for the first week of Term 2. She will be with family on their Mutton Bird Island (Poutama) learning about her cultural heritage. Mrs Suzanne Very will cover class in the afternoons with Mrs Karen Watts coming in on the Friday afternoon.

Congratulations Kahu Barrett-Marino, the winner of the \$100 note raffle.

**Field of Remembrance** - Honouring New Zealanders who fell during WW1

To commemorate their sacrifice, Fields of Remembrance have been established throughout New Zealand. The thirty seven crosses in the field at school are a silent reminder of New Zealand's major contribution to freedom, and the considerable sacrifice of what was a very small nation. They bear the names of New Zealanders who served. This includes the seven young soldiers from Waitomo (1939 to 1945).



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## **Swimming Pool**

The school pool closed today. Please return all pool keys to the school office by the end of the first week of Term 2. Thank you to our pool caretakers Batch, Lana and Michael. Your time and support is much appreciated.

## **After School Care**

The After School Care Programme will continue during Term 2 with Lisa Haasbroek. Regular students are booked in and please continue to use this service on a casual basis when needed. Lisa is available daily from 3.00pm to 6.00pm, phone 02108154333.

## **School Charter**

The school Charter provides strategic planning, annual plans, and targets to support raising student achievement. This shares the vision of the school and values identified by whanau and our school community. Recently the Board reviewed this document to support the future planning at Waitomo Caves School. You are all welcome to view this which is available in the school foyer.

## **Touch**

Touch has finished for the season with all players working hard at improving their skills. Congratulations to the Waitomo Golden Touches, Waitomo Slayers and Waitomo Tiny Tigers for getting involved this season. Thank you to coaches Julian and Jalna. Players are asked to please return their uniforms promptly unless they are hockey players.

## **Hockey**

There are two hockey teams this year playing in the Junior A grade on Thursdays and Intermediate grade on Tuesdays and the occasional Wednesdays of next term. Funsticks for our younger players is a drills, skills and mini game session every week on Thursdays from 3.30 to 4.30. Games are played on the turf at Te Kuiti High School and a season draw will be distributed in week 1 of Term 2. Thank you to our coaches Monica, Ben and Cathy's support who will tackle the lunch time training sessions starting week 1 of Term 2. Children will need sports shoes, shin pads and mouth guards.

## **Soccer**

Soccer training sessions begin the first week back in Term 2 on Friday's afterschool from 3.00pm to approximately 4.00pm for the Waitomo Awesome Soccer Players (W.A.S.P's) and Waitomo Taniwha's. Children will need their soccer boots, shin pads and a drink bottle. Competition games begin on Saturday 7 May and draws will be distributed during the first week back at school. Please pay subs promptly: No Pay No Play!

(North King Country Junior Football Committee Update: 13<sup>th</sup> Grade (combined with 12<sup>th</sup> Grade). A consensus of no travel has been reached; we have decided to keep our competition at Centennial Park for this season. Under 13 will play 1 game of 2x35 minute halves, kicking off at 10.30am. 11<sup>th</sup> Grade (combined with 10<sup>th</sup> Grade): Under 11 will play 1 game of 2x30 minute halves, kicking off at 9.15am. 9<sup>th</sup> Grade: 9th grade will play 1 game of 2x25 minute halves, kicking off

at 9am. Please can everyone arrive at the grounds early enough to set up the nets. Next meeting at St Andrew's Church in Te Kuiti at 7pm on Monday 2 May, if all school reps can attend then we can finalise the teams and draws.)

## **Leadership Days**

This year some senior students will be attending the Young Leaders Conference held on Thursday 26 May in Auckland. The National Young Leaders Days are both inspirational and practical. The Halogen Foundation selects a group of high profile personalities to speak and interact with the students. The speaking team consists of top leaders in business, sport, politics, community service, science and the arts. Students are challenged not only to reach their own personal goals but the goals of those they are leading.

## **Year 9 Students**

It is always exciting to hear from past pupils and after speaking with Karne, Jaedyn, Maia, John, Kyah, Portia and Aleida recently it's neat to know they are all enjoying their new beginnings at secondary school. Students have made a lot of friends and talked favourably about secondary school life.

Karne says 'College is cool!' His favourite subject is PE and he enjoys English with Mrs Sneddon. He is playing rugby for College and recently played in a College Seven's Tournament. Karne continued to excel in the recent 100m sprint athletics event with coming close to breaking a school record.

Jaedyn said 'It's alright!' He really enjoys PE, which is his favourite subject. He thinks Mr Mudge, his maths teacher, is pretty cool. Jaedyn is playing rugby for College and sevens. His seven's teams came second in a recent tournament, even though there were two teams entered. Jaedyn is in Hotson House.

Maia says 'All goods!' His favourite subjects are Science and PE. Mrs Pemberton and Mr Hockley are his favourite teachers because he gets on well with them. Maia said getting to grips with timetables can be challenging. He played in the same seven's team as Karne and Jaedyn and came second. He is playing in the College U14 rugby team.

John said 'Things are good at College.' His favourite subjects are PE and Science. The teachers are good and he says the work is interesting. Mr Buckley is one of his favourite teachers. He's met quite a few new people and there's heaps more opportunities to play sports during lunch time. He recently competed in athletics and won the javelin throwing event.

Kyah says 'It's really good.' She's made heaps of new friends and really likes maths because it's challenging in a good way. She enjoys working with Miss Lund when she's relieving at the College. Kyah has enjoyed playing in the school cricket team and is looking forward to netball. She has competed really well in the recent athletics and swimming sports events.

Portia said 'It's really fun and challenging.' Her favourite subjects are English and PE and she likes Miss Mita as a teacher. She is enjoying kapa haka and is looking forward to playing soccer and basketball this year. Portia is in Eveleigh House. She's found moving between classes hasn't been a problem.